

August 2, 2004

Henry Maddux, Field Supervisor
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2369 West Orton Circle
West Valley City, Utah 84115

Re: Section 7 Consultation on the Mathis / Summit Creek IBC, Andalex Resources Inc., Centennial Mine, C/007/0019, Task ID# 1979, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Maddux:

The purpose of this letter is to, request your concurrence with our findings on the Andalex Resources Mathis / Summit Creek Tract Incidental Boundary Change in accordance with the Section 7 requirements of the Endangered Species Act.

Of the 10 vegetative and wildlife species listed, one, the bald eagle, could potentially occur in the proposed lease area. Bald eagles are common in the area during the winter and could occasionally fly through or roost in the proposed addition to the permit area, but there are no nearby nests. Mining would have negligible effects on these birds. According to the current raptor survey, (conducted by The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in the Spring of 2004), there were no golden eagle nests in the proposed lease area. Most threatened or endangered species that could occur in Carbon County occur at lower elevations than the mine and have no habitat in the proposed permit area expansion.

The mine has potential, through water depletions, of adversely affecting four listed threatened and endangered fish species of the upper Colorado River drainage. The Fish and Wildlife Service requires mitigation when water depletions exceed 100 acre-feet annually. According to the information in the application 47.61 acre feet/year net gain of water are provided to the upper Colorado River basin. Calculations are provided in Table III-12. They include projected water depletion from the bathhouse, office and ventilation at 5.24 acre feet per year, and mine water discharge at a gain of 53.034 acre feet per year.

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We do not feel there will be any adverse effects on threatened or endangered species.

Please let us know if you concur with our findings and if you have other concerns. If you have any questions about this project, please call Joe Helfrich at (801) 538-5290.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh Littig
Permit Supervisor

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